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SUBJECT: IV MARIO NUNEZ VALAREZO

FOR: CUR/ARA

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1. IV GRANTEE ING. AGRONOMO MARIO NUNEZ VALAREZO ABLE TO
BEGIN IV TRIP O/A SEPTEMBER 1.

2. MARIO NUNEZ IS DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURAL ENTERPRISES OFFICE
FOR THE LITORAL, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE. HE ALSO TEACHES ON
THE UNIVERSITY LEVEL AT VINCES AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION CENTER OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAYAQUIL. THE AGRICULTURAL ENTERPRISES
PROGRAM, BEGUN 2 1/2 YEARS AGO WITH AID LOAN FUNDS IS REPUTED
TO BE THE MOST SUCCESSFUL SMALL FARMER CREDIT PROGRAM IN
LATIN AMERICA. IT WORKS WITH COOPERATIVES MOST OF THEM RICE
FARMERS, GIVING TECHNICAL ADVICE, TRAINING, AND LOANS.

3. BIO-DATA: BORN OCTOBER 20, 1936, GUAYAQUIL, EDUCATED
AT ELOY ALFARO (HIGH SCHOOL DEGREE) AND GUAYAQUIL UNIVER-
SITY WITH DEGREE IN AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING, 1968. PAST
POSITIONS HAVE BEEN CHIEF OF AGRICULTURAL ENTERPRISES FOR
GUAYAQUIL AREA, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, TEACHER AT
COLEGION NACIONAL "6 DE OCTUBRE", AND EXTENSION WORKER
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WITH COCOA PROGRAM. BELONGS TO AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERS

ASSOCIATION OF GUAYAS AND SOCIETY OF INDUSTRIALISTS AND BUSINESSMEN OF GUAYAQUIL. HIS UNIVERSITY THESIS WAS "CULTIVATION OF SOYA". HE HAS TRAVELLED AS A TOURIST TO CHILE IN 1972, TO COLOMBIA IN 1968 ON AN OAS SCHOLARSHIP IN RURAL ADMINISTRATION, AND TO THE U.S. FOLLOWED BY MEXICO AND COSTA RICA IN 1975, TO REPRESENT ECUADOR IN AGRI-FAIR 1975 IN JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI. THIS WAS A SHORT 2-WEEK TRIP WHICH THE IV EXPERIENCE WILL FURTHER BUILD UPON.

4. HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF ENGLISH. WILL NEED INTERPRETER.

5. PROGRAMMING SUGGESTIONS: NUNEZ' INTEREST IS IN RICE AND CORN PRODUCTION. AFTER APPROPRIATE CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON WITH DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE OFFICIALS, NUNEZ WOULD LIKE TO FOCUS ON 3 OR 4 RICE AND CORN PRODUCTION AND MARKETING AREAS WHERE HE COULD SEE PRODUCTION, PROCESSING AND STORAGE. KANSAS COULD BE GOOD FOR CORN, LOUISIANA AND CALIFORNIA FOR RICE. VISITS TO KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY, LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AND RICE COOPS IN CALIFORNIA WOULD BE VERY USEFUL.

6. VISA ELGIBLE.

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